

APPEARANCE COMMISSION
MEETING

The Newton Appearance Commission met on **Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm** at Zander's Coffee House.

Present:

Lori Wray
Alicia Rayfield
Jan Freeman
Collette Touchette
Tom Rowe, City Councilman
Sandra Waters, Parks and Recreation Director

Guest:

Jim Gargis
Robert Powell
Christine Bartleson

Chairman, Lori Wray welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

- A. Eat Smart Move More walking trail was discussed. Lori and Sandra are working to put together 2 or 3 different routes with markers indicating mileage covered from point to point. Robert Powell provided a handout, entitled "Historic Walking Tour of Newton". The commission would like to incorporate some of these points of interest, along with some others, in a flier to be available to walkers on the Eat Smart Move More walking trail.
- B. New City Planner, Christine Bartleson, was welcomed and asked to share her vision for Newton in her new capacity. She envisions more code enforcement, cleaning up and beautifying the City and keeping up the greenways.
- C. Members present voted to award the June Yard of the Month to Philip & Brandy Toelkes at 618 S. Brady Avenue.
- D. The Arbor Day celebration held on April 21 was considered to be well attended and successful.

New Business:

- A. The commission is still in need of 1 new member following the upcoming appointment of Jim Gargis.
- B. The Recording Secretary was advised to begin sending the commission minutes, once approved, to Gary Herman for publication on the City website. They currently are being sent only to Amy Falowski, City Clerk.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2012 at 6:00 pm
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